

Appl. No. 10/074,018  
Response to Notice of Noncompliant Amendment  
filed December 15, 2004  
Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment  
of December 14, 2004

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REMARKS

Claims 7-14 remain pending in this application. No claims have been canceled, added or withdrawn.

Formal remarks were submitted with the Amendment filed on July 6, 2004.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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